

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 4:30 PM

Touch of Nature Environmental Center

Call to Order (4:36 PM)

Members Present: Beckman, Carrier, Maxwell and Rodewald

Members Absent: Tanner

Also present: Joshua McCray

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6140](#) Approval of May 19, 2021 Minutes
Carrier noted that under Old Business, item V, that he said he would contact a professor at SIU, get his contact information and get that information to Tanner. The change has been made to the May 19, 2021 minutes.
A motion was made by Carrier, seconded by Beckman, to approve May 19, 2021 minutes with the above mentioned change. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

The County Administrator communicated the following information from Tanner who was not present at the meeting:

1. JD talked with the Forestry Department about GIS layers and they said they do have the layers NRED is asking about (recreational opportunities) and could add as needed. They are interested in assisting with the project but with most professors out during the summer NRED hasn't had a chance to meet and discuss yet.
2. Touch of Nature received a \$25,000 grant to install an adaptive boat dock and launch, however, that is in the Williamson County part of the Center.
3. JD also has exciting news on the Mountain Bike Trail Project expansion but will save it for the next meeting when he can explain in person.

The County Administrator also noted that the County Board passed an amended ordinance to allow the NRED Board to increase its members from 5 to 7. She also commented that this would increase the number needed for a quorum from 3 to 4.

The board also had a long discussion about the grant to install boat docks in other locations within Jackson County, including Johnson Creek in the Lake Kinkaid area.

Old Business

- II. [21-6141](#) Outreach Update
The board was informed that the County Board intern had completed the excel document with the outreach information from land managers throughout the County. The board asked to receive a copy by email to have on hand.
- III. [21-6142](#) GIS Update
Carrier led a discussion of GIS information updates. He commented that he had reached out to SIU and noted that it was not possible for students to help with the project until school resumes in the fall. Carrier noted that he liked the way the mcgis.org website (McClean County) was set up and hoped that Jackson County could do something similar.
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IV. [21-6143](#) NRED Ordinance Update

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

V. [21-6144](#) IROADS (Illinois Roadway Analysis Database System)

The County Administrator communicated to the board the IROADS (Illinois Roadway Analysis Database System) website. She commented that this was a great tool that was available for the board to use if necessary. Beckman questioned 911 road signs and the fact that he could not get anyone to take responsibility to create new signs that are needed in the County. The County Administrator suggested reaching out to the County Highway Department for help. Maxwell led a brief discussion of the River to River bike trail and suggested including it on the excel spreadsheet of outreach information.

Adjourn (5:45 PM)

Maxwell moved and Carrier seconded to adjourn, motion carried.